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Reclamation District 1608

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Dear Homeowners and Businesses:

We have just come through a spectacular winter season of rain and wind, requiring 24-hour levee patrol during the stormiest of days and nights.

Some trees fell during the stormier days. Residents of RD 1608 were very helpful in calling Joe Bryson, our levee superintendent, so that the trees could be removed. The holes left by the trees were then compacted with clean, dry dirt, helping to ensure the stability of the levee. Trees are the responsibility of landowners to maintain and to remove, if necessary, under direction of the District Superintendent. Please note that fallen tree roots must also be removed.

Thank you for your steadfast vigilance of our levees. Your commitment to the safety of our District is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Board of Trustees
Reclamation District 1608

Keeping the Levees Clean and Clear

Joe is on the levees daily to monitor every section of the area and ensure that levee encroachment standards are adhered to. Your help in maintaining those standards is always appreciated. If you notice any problems, unusual activity (such as tents or other encampments), dumped trash or have any questions about what is or is not permitted, call Joe immediately at (209) 298-3307.

Vandals are a continuing problem through the levee system in and around our city.

Let us know if you notice any damage to the fences. A reminder: permits are required for replacing existing fences, as well as for new fences.



Example of floating debris brought in by high water and ultimately removed by Joe to avoid damaging the rock slopes.



Example of poor vision of levee toe that could hide levee damage.



Example of well-maintained view of levee toe.



Example of well-trimmed bushes allowing levee inspection.

Southern Levee Rock Slope Project

The Levee Rock Slope Project is almost complete. The additional rock added to the levee is helping to stabilize the slopes and the levee overall.

Scours and Boils

What is a scour? What is a boil?

Scour is the hole that is left when soil is washed away from the levee due to quick flowing water.

Boils occur when water passing under a levee erupts through the ground surface on the landward side of a levee in the form of a bubbling spring.

Scours and boils are potentially dangerous. If you notice any variation in the levee surfaces or soil next to the levees, please immediately call the Levee Superintendent. Leave a message, including a time when you are available to accompany the Superintendent to point out the problem area.



Questions? Comments?

Feel free to call the District Hotline at (209) 298-3307 with any questions, comments, or suggestions. You are also welcome to attend the District Board of Trustees meetings, which are held the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the offices of Neumiller & Beardslee, 509 West Weber Avenue, 5th Floor, Stockton. An opportunity for public comment is offered at each Board meeting.



Permit Reminders

Remember to obtain a permit from the District before adding any landscaping or construction on or next to the levees. The Levee Superintendent can assist you in applying for and obtaining permits for landscaping or construction of any kind on or next to a levee.

Reminders

An Emergency Operations Plan is online. Please familiarize yourself with the plans at www.RD1608.com. Let us know if you have further unanswered questions.

Rodents and Other Intruders

The activities of rats, beavers, gophers, squirrels, and other animals can seriously endanger the integrity of our levees. These animals cannot be tolerated. If you see any of them, let Joe know.



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Thank you for your individual efforts in keeping our levees safe and well maintained.